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◆ “Much has been made of the fact that government management have no “bottom line” of profit and loss by which success can be measured. But bottom line for government does exist. Goals can be set, deadlines established, and output measured. Hard decisions can be made and progress accomplished. The bottom line in government is not profits; it is performance. And it is that bottom line for which we are accountable to the public, the Congress, and the President.”

◆ Thank You!

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